CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

~~18.~~ 17 (Amended) The device according to Claim ~~17~~ 16, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

~~24.~~ 23 (Amended) The device according to Claim ~~23~~ 18, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

NEW CLAIMS 31-46

20 31. During formation of a concrete wall, a device for supporting a weldment plate, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to the thickness of the concrete wall minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall;

said length of said elongate body portion being adjustable by manually removing excess length;

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall is poured and supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface; and

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position as wet concrete is poured and sets up.

21 32. The device of Claim 31, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

22 33. The device of Claim 31, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

23 34. The device of Claim 31, wherein the weldment plate includes a plate member and projections extending from the plate member, said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate further comprising means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment projection.

20 35. The device of Claim 34, wherein the projections are Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member and said means for securing said device to the head portion of the weldment projections further comprising a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto.

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25 ~~36.~~ The device of Claim ~~35~~ 24, wherein said plurality comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

20 ~~37.~~ During formation of a concrete wall, a device for supporting a weldment plate, said device comprising:

an elongate body portion having a length substantially equal to the thickness of the concrete wall minus a dimension of the weldment plate extending in a direction of the thickness of the concrete wall, the weldment plate including a plate member and projections extending from the plate member;

means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate;

said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate further including means for securing said device to a head portion of the weldment projection; and

a surface engaging portion for contacting a surface on which the concrete wall is poured and supporting the weldment plate in a position appropriately spaced from that surface,

wherein the device is capable of maintaining the weldment plate in a desired position as wet concrete is poured and sets up.

27 ~~38.~~ The device of Claim 20 ~~37~~, wherein the projections are Nelson studs welded to the nether side of the plate member and said means for securing said device to the head portion of the weldment projections further comprises a plurality of fingers to capture the head portion of the Nelson stud securing said device thereto.

28 ~~39.~~ The device of Claim 27 ~~38~~, wherein said plurality comprises at least two fingers with portions that snap behind the head portion of the weldment projection.

29 ~~40.~~ The device of Claim 26 ~~37~~, wherein said length of said elongate body portion is adjustable.

30 ~~41.~~ The device of Claim 29 ~~40~~, wherein said length is adjustable by manually removing excess length.

31 ~~42.~~ The device of Claim 29 ~~40~~, wherein said elongate body portion comprises two components which may be adjusted relative to each other to achieve the desired length.

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~~43.~~ The device of Claim ~~42~~, wherein said two components are threadably engaged and rotation of one component relative to a second component results in a change in the length of said elongate body portion.

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~~44.~~ The device of Claim ~~42~~, wherein said means for attaching said elongate body portion to the weldment plate comprises an adhesive layer between said weldment plate and one of said components.

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~~45.~~ The device of Claim ~~37~~, wherein said surface engaging portion comprises a section which tapers to a point to minimize surface treatment of the concrete wall needed to accommodate said device.

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~~46.~~ The device of Claim ~~37~~, wherein a material for said device is selected from a group consisting of plastic, metal and powdered metal.

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